

his 45 years of service as pastor of Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dr. Chubbs, an excellent leader, has led the church from a small congregation without a building to a six million dollar edifice with a membership of approximately 1300. In addition to his important religious role as the leader of a dynamic congregation, he is recognized as a leader in race and interfaith missions. The members of Dr. Chubbs' congregation always share their expertise with those in need without having to be asked and Dr. Chubbs spends substantial time mentoring young ministers in the community. Under Dr. Chubbs' leadership, Providence Baptist Church has provided opportunities for young people to prepare themselves to become the best that they can be through SAT preparation, Girl Scouts, exercise and other programs. And he has provided adults continuous opportunities to reinforce all the positive attributes needed to be assets to the church, the community, the State of North Carolina and the nation.

Dr. Chubbs is also recognized as an outstanding husband and father and was honored by the National Diabetes Association as a "Father of the Year" recently.

Dr. Chubbs has also been an active force internationally. He has worked diligently with the National Conference of Community and Justice, NCCJ, and the Jewish Federation to promote peace and mutual respect among ethnic groups, cultures and religious groups and travelled to Israel in 1994, 1997, 2000, and 2010.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Reverend Dr. Howard Allen Chubbs and the Providence Baptist Church congregation a great pastoral 45th anniversary and best wishes in the years to come.

#### HONORING ERIC BRIAN HALLMARK

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Brian Hallmark. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 900, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Eric has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Brian Hallmark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### JOYCE ROTHERMEL AND GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

#### HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce several milestones in southwestern Pennsylvania.

On June 7, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will celebrate its 30th anniversary and observe Hunger Awareness Day. On that day, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will also celebrate the important work done by its co-founder and CEO, Joyce Rothermel, who is retiring after 25 years.

Hunger is a widespread problem that affects millions of households across the United States. In 2009, one out of every eight Americans required emergency food assistance, and in 2010, over 40 million people relied on Food Stamps for their daily meals. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, approximately 17 million of the nation's hungry are children. In Pennsylvania, roughly one in seven people are not getting enough to eat.

Hunger has a drastic effect on the health of those who suffer from it. Children from food-insecure households are more likely to fall behind in school, show signs of depression, exhibit cognitive disabilities and behavioral problems, and are more likely to be hospitalized with preventable illnesses. Similarly, hungry seniors are also more likely to suffer from poor health compared to food-secure seniors.

That's why it's so important to raise public awareness about the problem of hunger our nation faces today with events like Hunger Awareness Day. It's essential that every community across the country take action to eradicate the scourge of hunger.

I'm proud to say that in our region, a lot of our friends and neighbors have stepped up to meet this challenge. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has tirelessly fought hunger in southwestern Pennsylvania for the past 30 years. With the help of more than 400 affiliate food banks and member agencies, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is able to serve more than 122,000 hungry people each month.

The Food Bank has done an outstanding job at providing much-needed healthy food to the hungry of southwestern Pennsylvania. During fiscal year 2009–2010, it distributed more than 22 million pounds of food throughout 11 counties. Despite declining food donations nationwide, the Food Bank has managed to supply more than 50 percent of the food offered by local soup kitchens, 87 percent of the food distributed by the region's food pantries, and 43 percent of the food distributed by local shelters in recent years. I would like to commend the Food Bank for the fantastic work it has done on behalf of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Much of the Food Bank's success can be traced to the work of one person—Joyce Rothermel, who co-founded the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in 1980 and became its CEO in 1987.

During her 25 year tenure, Joyce oversaw the growth of the Food Bank into one of the most respected non-profit groups in the nation. Among other honors, the Food Bank has won

awards from America's Second Harvest, received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, and obtained the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organization's Standards of Excellence Certification under Joyce's leadership.

This year, in recognition of her leadership and service, Joyce received both the Dick Goebel Public Service Award from Feeding America and the John E. McGrady Award from the Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh. In past years, Joyce's commitment to service has been recognized by a variety of organizations, including the YWCA, the Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center, the Public Relations Society of America, and the United Nations Association.

I can add from personal experience that Joyce has been an effective and tireless advocate on hunger issues with the region's Congressional delegation as well. My staff and I have worked closely with Joyce over many years to support and improve federal anti-hunger programs. It was always a pleasure to work with her, and we will miss her.

I want to commend Joyce Rothermel for her decades of commitment to eliminating hunger in the greater Pittsburgh community, and I want to congratulate her on the beginning of her much-deserved retirement. And in closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for the extraordinary work it has done on behalf of the people of southwestern Pennsylvania.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

SPEECH OF

#### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1540) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes:

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2012.

More specifically, I rise in fierce opposition to provisions of this bill which seek to deter and derail the repeal of Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after the Department of Defense completed a comprehensive review of the issues associated with the repeal.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after DOD solicited the views of nearly 400,000 active duty and reserve component Servicemembers.

A repeal, which has been implemented only after DOD conducted one of the largest surveys in the history of the U.S. military.

Still, we stand here today to consider a measure that demonstrates that this body doesn't believe that Secretary Gates and Admiral Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, are right to support the repeal.

I believe in our military's ability to evaluate and make recommendations, and I fully support their plan to implement repeal.